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We learn from history that nothing is permanent in world affairs. Empires, nations, and people rise and decline, and others take their place. The only certainty is uncertainty and consequently a realistic analysis of factors that contribute to stability or instability of national, regional, and global security frameworks is critical.

Tragically, the Maghreb – Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia – as well as adjacent parts of the Sahel – Chad, Mali, and Niger – have emerged as one of the most worrying strategic challenges to the international community, and yet for decades these regions have mostly been neglected by United States diplomacy. Consider, for example, the empirical data generated since September 11, 2001.

Terrorist attacks by al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and other extremist groups in both the Maghreb and Sahel increased 558% from their low during the period to a new high of 204 attacks in 2009, and remain dangerously high, with 178 in 2010. Thus, over the past nine years, more than 1,100 terrorist bombings, murders, kidnappings, and ambushes against both domestic and international targets have claimed almost 2,000 lives and 6,000 victims of violence. Moreover, according to open intelligence sources and a recent fact-finding trip to the region in January 2011, there exists growing evidence that AQIM, local traffickers, and possibly members of the Polisario are forming links with Latin American organized criminal groups for trafficking drugs and humans via transit networks into Europe.

What is particularly of grave concern is that AQIM, jointly with the other al-Qaeda affiliates (e.g. al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula – AQAP – operating in Yemen, as well as al-Shabaab members in Somalia) currently and for the foreseeable future, represent a most dangerous threat both regionally and inter-regionally. Clearly in the failed and fragile states bordering the Sahara, al-Qaeda has established a safe haven and breeding ground for its activities.

Two major concerns feed into this arc of instability that stretches from the Red Sea and is poised to reach to the Atlantic. First, is the lingering 35-year old Western Sahara conflict, which is creating an opening for AQIM's expansion and also recruitment of hard-core Polisario members among the Sahrawi refugee camps in Algeria, further complicating the viability of a diplomatic resolution for the Western Sahara issue.

And second, the sudden and explosive recent popular street protests in Tunisia that ousted the authoritarian President, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali, who had ruled the country for 23 years, open up the possibility that al-Qaeda will attempt to take advantage of the unfolding drama in its effort to destabilize the region.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The key insights and recommendations underlined in that study appear even more relevant, and urgent, a year later. They include the following steps that should be given close consideration by US policy makers and the international community in general:

1. Develop a comprehensive program in the affected countries to increase public awareness concerning the nature of jihadist terrorism as a form of low-intensity warfare being waged against the Maghreb and Sahel; how it affects the local populations; how it diverts resources away from economic development; and how it constrains political open space.
2. Strengthen the US intelligence mechanisms in order to provide more effective collection and analysis of data related to terrorist activities by al-Qaeda and other extremists in the region and beyond. And ensure that the information is used effectively by cooperating bodies in the region through providing equipment, training, and monitoring assistance.
3. Deny supporters of Islamic extremism in the Maghreb, Sahel, and elsewhere the capacity and freedom to engage in propaganda through effective information countermeasures, investments in local development, and open channels of communication with local leaders.
4. Expand US counterterrorism technical assistance to the area, particularly training for internal security bodies, police agencies, and the military, particularly under the umbrella of multilateral working groups to provide for adequate monitoring and transparency.
5. Encourage the governments in the region to continue with a “carrot-and-stick” approach, and with their efforts improve the economic and social conditions in these countries.
6. Improve the level of security coordination between the countries in the region so they can more effectively share intelligence and interdict terrorist networks and supply lines on the ground. Also improve the levels of economic cooperation between the nations in the region to spur increased trade and commerce that contributes to economic growth and reduces poverty as an underlying factor in fueling social unrest and extremism. Both security and economic cooperation in the Maghreb and Sahel would no doubt be enhanced by a resolution to the decades-old Western Sahara dispute, which continues to drive a wedge between two of the region’s most influential nations – Morocco and Algeria.
7. Face the intellectual challenge of radical Islam directly with “home-grown” religious and intellectual leaders who are able to challenge the misuse of Islam and channel religious tendencies into more productive social development opportunities.
8. Raise the diplomatic, economic, political, and military costs to Iran high enough to outweigh the benefits of supporting terrorism and exporting jihadist terrorism elsewhere.

In sum, a coherent and firm US policy vis-à-vis the threats of terrorism in Maghreb and Sahel would increase domestic public understanding and support in the US for sustained engagement with the nations of North and West/Central Africa. The updated documents incorporated in this report, particularly the statistical tables and terrorism chronology covering the period September 11, 2001 – December 31, 2010 make it clear that constructive and sustained engagement is vital, employing both “hard” (security, military, intelligence cooperation) and “soft” elements (economic and social development creating employment opportunities, education that equips students/trainees for jobs, and reduction of religious radicalism). Otherwise, the US, the EU, and our friends in the region will remain hostages to, and targets of, these ideological, theological, and political terrorists for the remainder of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## INCIDENTS OF TERRORISM IN MAGHREB & SAHEL:

**Chronology from Sept. 11, 2001 to Dec. 31, 2010 — (Updated with 2010 incidents below)**

For full listing from 9/11/01 to 12/31/09, go to: [http://www.potomacinstitute.org/attachments/524\\_Maghreb%20Terrorism%20report.pdf](http://www.potomacinstitute.org/attachments/524_Maghreb%20Terrorism%20report.pdf)

### 2010

#### December 27, 2010

Shepherd wounded by bomb on path in Adekar near Takamra, Tizi Ouzou.  
<http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/December2010incidentsReport.pdf>

#### December 25, 2010

Soldier killed, 3 police & 1 soldier injured by terrorists in Dellys, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/boumerdes/un-militaire-tue-et-trois-policiers-blesses-dans-un-accrochage-a-dellys-25-12-2010-104412\\_146.php](http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/boumerdes/un-militaire-tue-et-trois-policiers-blesses-dans-un-accrochage-a-dellys-25-12-2010-104412_146.php)

#### December 25, 2010

Terrorist bomb damages building under construction at communal guard headquarters, Aghribi, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries.  
[http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en\\_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/12/27/newsbrief-01](http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/12/27/newsbrief-01)

#### December 24, 2010

Shepherd assassinated by armed group in Taffessour, Sidi Bel Abbès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-berger-assassine-a-taffessour-26-12-2010-104518\\_109.php](http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-berger-assassine-a-taffessour-26-12-2010-104518_109.php)

#### December 23, 2010

Bomb, gunfire targets military convoy near Tala Bounana, Béni Douala, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries from terrorist attack.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/tizi-ouzou/tizi-ouzou-un-convoi-militaire-attaque-pres-de-beni-douala-24-12-2010-104308\\_144.php](http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/tizi-ouzou/tizi-ouzou-un-convoi-militaire-attaque-pres-de-beni-douala-24-12-2010-104308_144.php)

#### December 23, 2010

An IED exploded in Takamra, Adekar, wounding 1 civilian.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/bajaia/adekar-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-takamra-27-12-2010-104596\\_143.php](http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/bajaia/adekar-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-takamra-27-12-2010-104596_143.php)

#### December 11, 2010

Bomb targeting soldiers exploded at army base Cap Djinet, Boumerdès. No injuries.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/huit-personnes-arretees-a-cap-djinet-pour-appartenance-a-un-groupe-arme\\_13293.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/huit-personnes-arretees-a-cap-djinet-pour-appartenance-a-un-groupe-arme_13293.html)

### Algeria

#### December 11, 2010

4 gendarmes wounded in terrorist attack in Al Ardja, Cap Djinet, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/quatre-gendarmes-blesses-dans-une-attaque-pres-de-cap-djinet\\_13292.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/quatre-gendarmes-blesses-dans-une-attaque-pres-de-cap-djinet_13292.html)

#### December 10, 2010

Armed terrorists attempted to kidnap a businessman from Freha, Tizi Ouzou. The assailants hijacked his vehicle, but fortunately he was able to escape.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/tizi-ouzou-un-bar-attaque-et-une-tentative-de-kidnapping-avortee\\_13285.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/tizi-ouzou-un-bar-attaque-et-une-tentative-de-kidnapping-avortee_13285.html)

#### December 9, 2010

A businessman was kidnapped by five armed men in Yakourene, Tizi Ouzou.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-commercant-enleve-a-tizi-ouzou\\_13270.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-commercant-enleve-a-tizi-ouzou_13270.html)

#### November 29, 2010

Chief of national gendarmerie in Legata seriously wounded in a terrorist bomb attack in Ouled Ziane, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/boumerdes-un-chef-de-brigade-de-la-gendarmerie-grievement-blesse-et-deux-terroristes-elimines-30-11-2010-101076\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/boumerdes-un-chef-de-brigade-de-la-gendarmerie-grievement-blesse-et-deux-terroristes-elimines-30-11-2010-101076_108.php)

#### November 29, 2010

4 soldiers killed in clash with terrorists in Tenès, Chlef. 2 communal guards and another soldier were also wounded.  
[http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en\\_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/30/newsbrief-01](http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/30/newsbrief-01)

#### November 28, 2010

Bomb targets official convoy in Issers, Boumerdès. No one in delegation injured, but explosion injures 3 civilians nearby.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/attentat-manque-contre-une-delegation-officielle-a-thenia-boumerdes-28-11-2010-100793\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/attentat-manque-contre-une-delegation-officielle-a-thenia-boumerdes-28-11-2010-100793_108.php)

#### November 27, 2010

2 communal guards were wounded in second bomb explosion in Beni Ouguigue, Haraza, Bordj Bou Arréidj.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arreridj\\_13125.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arreridj_13125.html)

#### November 27, 2010

2 communal guards killed by bomb in Beni Ouguigue, Haraza, Bordj Bou Arréidj.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arreridj\\_13125.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arreridj_13125.html)

#### November 26, 2010

1 civilian killed, 3 injured by roadside bomb in Zerrif El Ouaer, Tébessa.  
[http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en\\_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/28/newsbrief-01](http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/28/newsbrief-01)

#### November 26, 2010

6 soldiers, 2 gendarmes were wounded by terrorists in Ammal, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630_108.php)

#### November 26, 2010

Bomb injures 2 gendarmes, 6 soldiers in Cap Djinet, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630_108.php)

#### November 20, 2010

Communal guard member assassinated by armed group. Souk el Tenine, Ain Defla.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/deux-terroristes-abattus-a-boudouau-et-un-garde-communal-assassine-a-ain-defla\\_13078.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/deux-terroristes-abattus-a-boudouau-et-un-garde-communal-assassine-a-ain-defla_13078.html)

#### November 16, 2010

A soldier was wounded in a bomb explosion in Bir H'mam, Sidi Bel Abbès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/incursion-terroriste-le-jour-de-l-aid-a-bir-h-mam-sidi-bel-abbes-17-11-2010-99299\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/incursion-terroriste-le-jour-de-l-aid-a-bir-h-mam-sidi-bel-abbes-17-11-2010-99299_108.php)

#### November 16, 2010

3 gendarmes were wounded in a bomb explosion Lakhdaria, Bouira.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/trois-gendarmes-blesses-dans-un-attentat-a-la-bombe-a-lakhdaria\\_13056.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/trois-gendarmes-blesses-dans-un-attentat-a-la-bombe-a-lakhdaria_13056.html)

#### November 14, 2010

Roadside bomb kills 1, injures 3 in Oued El Ouarek, between Djelfa and M'Sila.  
[http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en\\_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/15/newsbrief-01](http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/15/newsbrief-01)

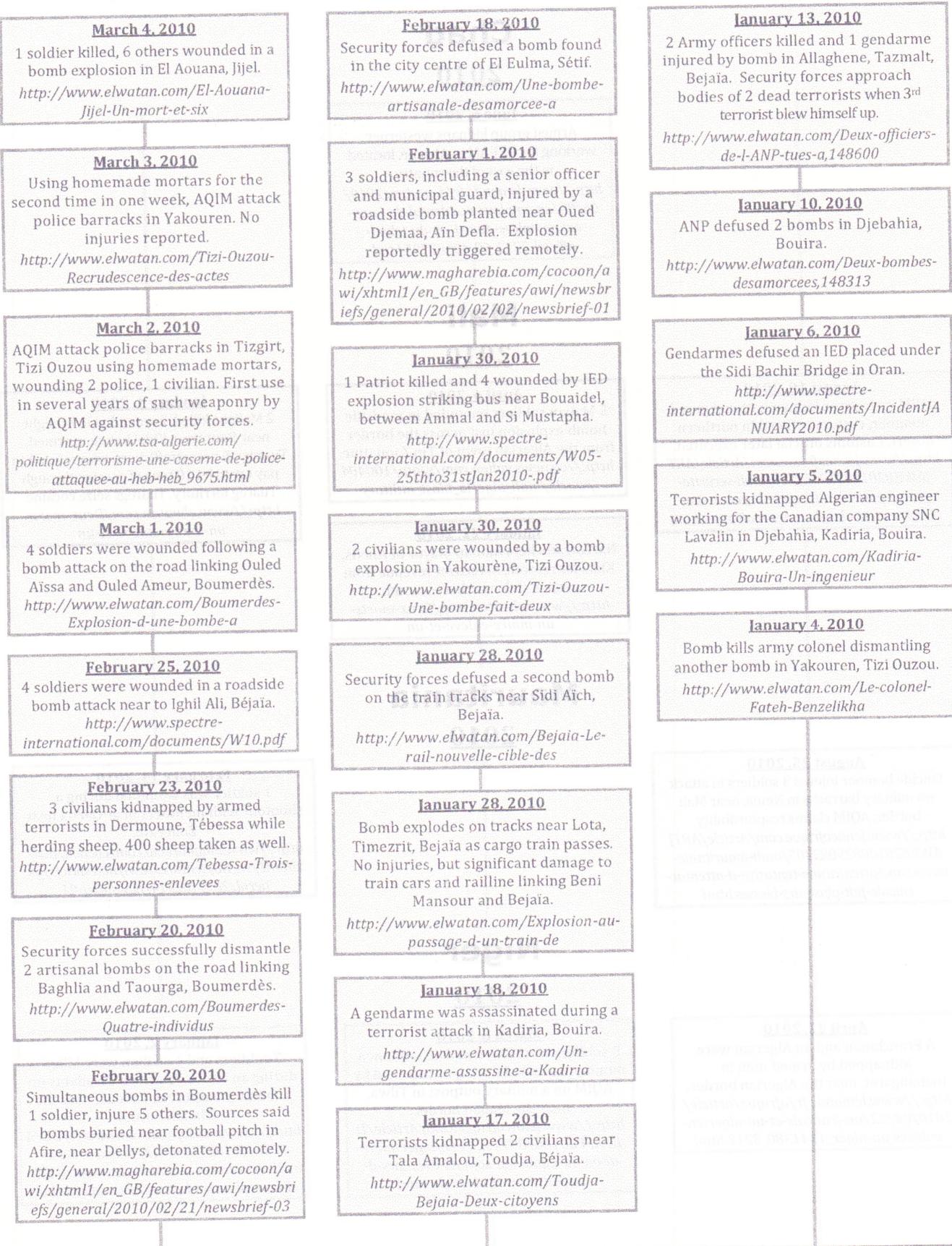
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<b>September 21, 2010</b> Bomb in Bordj Ménail, Boumerdès kills 2 policemen and wounds 10 civilians. <a href="http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/09/21/newsbrief-01">http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/09/21/newsbrief-01</a>	<b>September 6, 2010</b> Security forces defuse bomb targeting ANP convoy in Bordj Menaiel, Boumerdès. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php</a>	<b>August 29, 2010</b> IED wounds 2 guards in Kadiria, Bouira. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf</a>
<b>September 19, 2010</b> 2 Patriots and military officer wounded in bomb explosion in El Aouana, Jijel. <a href="http://www.lexpressiondz.com/article/2/2010-09-20/80803.html">http://www.lexpressiondz.com/article/2/2010-09-20/80803.html</a>	<b>September 6, 2010</b> 3 communal guards killed, 2 injured in terrorist attack in Bin El Ouidène, Skikda. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/trois-gardes-communaux-assassines-dans-un-attentat-07-09-2010-89190_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/trois-gardes-communaux-assassines-dans-un-attentat-07-09-2010-89190_109.php</a>	<b>August 28, 2010</b> Terrorist attack military vehicle in Aghribis, Tizi Ouzou, kill 1 soldier, wound 2. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf</a>
<b>September 14, 2010</b> Security forces defuse bomb at gendarmerie outpost in El Hamma, Khenchabla. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/regions/centre/actu-est/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-15-09-2010-90181_221.php">http://www.elwatan.com/regions/centre/actu-est/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-15-09-2010-90181_221.php</a>	<b>September 5, 2010</b> 2 soldiers killed, 3 others seriously wounded by bomb in Frahma, Tébessa. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-tues-dans-l-explosion-d'une-bombe-07-09-2010-89193_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-tues-dans-l-explosion-d'une-bombe-07-09-2010-89193_109.php</a>	<b>August 26, 2010</b> A bomb exploded in Tizgirt, Tizi Ouzou. No one was wounded. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/embref-29-08-2010-88025_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/embref-29-08-2010-88025_109.php</a>
<b>September 13, 2010</b> 1 killed, 2 others severely injured in a terrorist attack in Maghnia, Tlemcen. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/regions/ouest/tlemcen/une-personne-egorgee-et-deux-autres-grievement-blessees-a-maghnia-tlemcen-14-09-2010-90096_139.php">http://www.elwatan.com/regions/ouest/tlemcen/une-personne-egorgee-et-deux-autres-grievement-blessees-a-maghnia-tlemcen-14-09-2010-90096_139.php</a>	<b>September 4, 2010</b> 7 armed Islamists set up false roadblock near Ouadias to Taguemout Ladjidid, Tizi Ouzou. Rob passing cars, no injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/faux-barrage-aux-ouadhias-05-09-2010-88941_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/faux-barrage-aux-ouadhias-05-09-2010-88941_109.php</a>	<b>August 24, 2010</b> IED explodes in Ghrab, Tébessa. No injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-artisanale-26-08-2010-87643_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-artisanale-26-08-2010-87643_109.php</a>
<b>September 13, 2010</b> Communal guard member killed, 3 injured by terrorists in Dhéhira, Thlejen, Tébessa. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-garde-communal-tue-dans-une-embuscade-terroriste-a-tebessa-13-09-2010-89998_108.php">http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-garde-communal-tue-dans-une-embuscade-terroriste-a-tebessa-13-09-2010-89998_108.php</a>	<b>September 2, 2010</b> Civilian injured at a false roadblock set up by terrorists in Boghni, Tizi Ouzou. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-citoyen-blesse-dans-un-faux-barrage-a-boghni-03-09-2010-88770_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-citoyen-blesse-dans-un-faux-barrage-a-boghni-03-09-2010-88770_109.php</a>	<b>August 24, 2010</b> Retired Algerian customs officer believed kidnapped in June attack on 11 gendarmes Mali-Algeria border executed by AQIM. <a href="http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/ARTJAWEB20100825155537/algerie-terrorisme-al-qaida-aqmiaqmi-execute-un-douanier-retenu-en-otage-depuis-deux-mois.html">http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/ARTJAWEB20100825155537/algerie-terrorisme-al-qaida-aqmiaqmi-execute-un-douanier-retenu-en-otage-depuis-deux-mois.html</a>
<b>September 11, 2010</b> Bomb injures 2 soldiers in Akfadou, Béjaïa. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-blesses-12-09-2010-89702_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-blesses-12-09-2010-89702_109.php</a>	<b>September 1, 2010</b> Terrorists attack judicial police headquarters in Tizgirt, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/la-bmpj-de-tizgirt-attaquee-a-la-roquette-artisanale-02-09-2010-88594_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/la-bmpj-de-tizgirt-attaquee-a-la-roquette-artisanale-02-09-2010-88594_109.php</a>	<b>August 24, 2010</b> Kidnapped father/son found with throats slit in Ouzina, Ain Rich, M'sila. 3 <sup>rd</sup> murder in region in week. AQIM's believed culprit. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-citoyens-egorges-a-m-sila-24-08-2010-87349_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-citoyens-egorges-a-m-sila-24-08-2010-87349_109.php</a>
<b>September 8, 2010</b> Terrorists attack communal guard unit in Ihassamen, Naciria, Boumerdès, no injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php</a>	<b>September 1, 2010</b> Suicide car bomb attacks military convoy in Zaatra, Boumerdès, kills 2, wounds 9. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/attentat-kamikaze-a-zemmouri-boumerdes-2-morts-et-9-neufs-blesses-01-09-2010-88478_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/attentat-kamikaze-a-zemmouri-boumerdes-2-morts-et-9-neufs-blesses-01-09-2010-88478_109.php</a>	<b>August 23, 2010</b> Bomb injures 3 people in El Aouana, Jijel. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-convoye-de-transport-de-fonds-cible-par-des-terroristes-a-el-aouana-jijel-23-08-2010-87270_108.php">http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-convoye-de-transport-de-fonds-cible-par-des-terroristes-a-el-aouana-jijel-23-08-2010-87270_108.php</a>
<b>September 7, 2010</b> 3 gendarmes were injured in a terrorist attack in Souk El Had, Boumerdès. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php</a>	<b>August 31, 2010</b> Terrorist attack kills 1 civilian, injures 1 police, 7 civilians in El Abadia, Ain Defla. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/incurSION-terroriste-a-ain-defla-un-mort-ehuit-blesses-01-09-2010-88461_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/incurSION-terroriste-a-ain-defla-un-mort-ehuit-blesses-01-09-2010-88461_109.php</a>	<b>August 22, 2010</b> Bomb targets police convoy escorting foreign workers, Texanna, Jijel. No injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-a-texenna-jijel-23-08-2010-87231_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-a-texenna-jijel-23-08-2010-87231_109.php</a>
<b>September 6, 2010</b> Security forces diffused bomb during an ANP operation in Ammal, Boumerdès. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php</a>	<b>August 29, 2010</b> Bomb in Tagma, Yakouren, Tizi Ouzou, wounds military officer, destroys vehicle, damages cars nearby. No one takes credit. <a href="https://wits.nctc.gov">https://wits.nctc.gov</a>	<b>August 21, 2010</b> 2 police officers killed, 1 wounded at Rass El Oued, Bordj Bou Arreridj in shootout with terrorist, who was killed in incident. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-3416thto22ndAugust2010.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-3416thto22ndAugust2010.pdf</a>

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<b>June 30, 2010</b> 11 gendarmes killed when the vehicle they were traveling in was attacked by armed Islamists in Tinzaoutine, Tamnarasset, located near the Algerian-Malian border. <i>Al-Qaeda in Islamic Maghreb</i> (AQIM) claims responsibility. <a href="http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2010/07/01/al-qaida-au-maghreb-islamique-revendique-la-mort-de-11-gendarmes-algeriens_1381482_3212.html">http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2010/07/01/al-qaida-au-maghreb-islamique-revendique-la-mort-de-11-gendarmes-algeriens_1381482_3212.html</a>	<b>June 12, 2010</b> 3 soldiers killed, 6 wounded in terrorist ambush near Yakouren, Tizi Ouzou. <a href="http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-3-militaires-tues-et-6-blesses-dans-une-embuscade_11195.html">http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-3-militaires-tues-et-6-blesses-dans-une-embuscade_11195.html</a>	<b>May 21, 2010</b> 1 person wounded when a homemade bomb exploded in El Eulma, Sétif. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/El-Eulma-Setif-Une-bombe">http://www.elwatan.com/El-Eulma-Setif-Une-bombe</a>
<b>June 27, 2010</b> 1 civilian wounded by homemade bomb in Tala Mimoune, Mizrana. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/Mizrana-Tizi-Ouzou-Un-citoyen">http://www.elwatan.com/Mizrana-Tizi-Ouzou-Un-citoyen</a>	<b>June 11, 2010</b> Suicide bomber rams truck into barracks of elite police unit in Timizar, Boumerdès. At least 9 people killed and 17 wounded. AQIM claims responsibility. <a href="http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100611/ap_on_re_af/af_algeria_bombing">http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100611/ap_on_re_af/af_algeria_bombing</a>	<b>May 19, 2010</b> IED exploded as military convoy passed near Si Mustapha, Boumerdès, killing 2 soldiers and seriously wounding 18. <a href="http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-2-militaires-tues-et-18-grievement-blesses_10811.html">http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-2-militaires-tues-et-18-grievement-blesses_10811.html</a>
<b>June 26, 2010</b> 2 Army officers were killed and several other soldiers wounded in an IED attack in Naciria, between the towns of Imaghninène and Bouassem. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/Boumerdes-Deux-militaires-tues">http://www.elwatan.com/Boumerdes-Deux-militaires-tues</a>	<b>June 10, 2010</b> The Chinese Embassy in Algiers has confirmed that one of its nationals was killed in an IED attack on a Police checkpoint near Bouira. The man was a passenger in a vehicle stopped at the checkpoint when the device exploded. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-26.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-26.pdf</a>	<b>May 17, 2010</b> Armed group kidnaps factory worker at roadblock near Béni Zmenzer, Tizi Ouzou. <a href="http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-nouveau-kidnapping-de-citoyen-a-tizi-ouzou_10781.html">http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-nouveau-kidnapping-de-citoyen-a-tizi-ouzou_10781.html</a>
<b>June 25, 2010</b> 7 people were killed in a terrorist attack by armed Islamists in El Kitna, Tébessa. <a href="http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/sept-morts-dans-une-attaque-terroriste-pres-de-tebessa_11356.html">http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/sept-morts-dans-une-attaque-terroriste-pres-de-tebessa_11356.html</a>	<b>June 9, 2010</b> Homemade bomb discovered at mall in Baraki, suburb of Algiers, and diffused by security forces. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/Dissimulee-dans-un-carton-Une">http://www.elwatan.com/Dissimulee-dans-un-carton-Une</a>	<b>May 15, 2010</b> IED explodes as police convoy passes, Lakhdaria, Bouira. No casualties reported. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-20-10thto16thMay2010-.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-20-10thto16thMay2010-.pdf</a>
<b>June 24, 2010</b> Terrorists attacked wedding party that had just returned home to celebrate the rites of henna in An Ghrab, Tébessa, killing 5, wounding 3 others. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/Cinq-morts-dans-une-attaque">http://www.elwatan.com/Cinq-morts-dans-une-attaque</a>	<b>June 6, 2010</b> 2 communal guards were killed and 1 was wounded in a bomb attack in Aït Felkai, Darguina, Béjaïa. <a href="http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-deux-gardes-communaux-tues-dans-un-attentat-pres-de_11078.html">http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/terrorisme-deux-gardes-communaux-tues-dans-un-attentat-pres-de_11078.html</a>	<b>May 13, 2010</b> 2 civilians were wounded in a bomb explosion in Arib, Ain Defla. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/Arib-Ain-Defla-Explosion-d-une">http://www.elwatan.com/Arib-Ain-Defla-Explosion-d-une</a>
<b>June 23, 2010</b> Bomb wounds colonel and lieutenant near Kharbouch, Ain Defla. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/Ain-Defla-Un-colonel-et-un-sous">http://www.elwatan.com/Ain-Defla-Un-colonel-et-un-sous</a>	<b>June 5, 2010</b> A shepherd was wounded in a bomb explosion in Stah Guendis, Sidi Abid. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/Un-berger-grievement-blesse-dans-l">http://www.elwatan.com/Un-berger-grievement-blesse-dans-l</a>	<b>May 13, 2010</b> 2 people killed, 15-20 soldiers, civilians wounded in double bombing in Baghlia, Boumerdès. No group takes responsibility, but Islamic terrorists are suspected. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/Baghlia-Boumerdes-Deux-morts-et">http://www.elwatan.com/Baghlia-Boumerdes-Deux-morts-et</a>
<b>June 22, 2010</b> Repentant terrorist assassinated at home by terrorists at Kerkira, near Collo. Woman with him seriously injured. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-26.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-26.pdf</a>	<b>June 5, 2010</b> A former member of the GLD, believed to be kidnapped in late May, was found dead in Sid Ali Benyoub, Sidi Bel Abbès. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/Sidi-Bel-Abbes-Un-patriote">http://www.elwatan.com/Sidi-Bel-Abbes-Un-patriote</a>	<b>May 10, 2010</b> 3 Patriots wounded in terrorist ambush at Ifissen, Tizi Ouzou in follow up operation after terrorists kill patriot and son. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-20-10thto16thMay2010-.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-20-10thto16thMay2010-.pdf</a>
<b>June 21, 2010</b> Bomb remotely-detонated on road from Lakhdaria to Bouderbala, west of Bouira, targeting Algerian Legitimate Defence Group (GLD) convoy. No casualties. <a href="http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/06/22/newsbrief-01">http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/06/22/newsbrief-01</a>	<b>May 26, 2010</b> A civilian was injured in a bomb explosion in Mhaga, Idjeur, Tizi Ouzou. <a href="http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/tizi-ouzou-un-homme-grievement-blesse_10960.html">http://www.tsa-algerie.com/politique/tizi-ouzou-un-homme-grievement-blesse_10960.html</a>	<b>May 9, 2010</b> Armed group kidnaps 35-year-old farmer in Baghlia, Boumerdès, as he prepared to visit vineyard near Oued Sebaou, demanding 20-million dinar ransom. <a href="http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/05/11/newsbrief-01">http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/05/11/newsbrief-01</a>

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We learn from history that nothing is permanent in world affairs. Empires, nations, and people rise and decline, and others take their place. The only certainty is uncertainty and consequently a realistic analysis of factors that contribute to stability or instability of national, regional, and global security frameworks is critical.

Tragically, the Maghreb – Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia – as well as adjacent parts of the Sahel – Chad, Mali, and Niger – have emerged as one of the most worrying strategic challenges to the international community, and yet for decades these regions have mostly been neglected by United States diplomacy. Consider, for example, the empirical data generated since September 11, 2001.

Terrorist attacks by al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and other extremist groups in both the Maghreb and Sahel increased 558% from their low during the period to a new high of 204 attacks in 2009, and remain dangerously high, with 178 in 2010. Thus, over the past nine years, more than 1,100 terrorist bombings, murders, kidnappings, and ambushes against both domestic and international targets have claimed almost 2,000 lives and 6,000 victims of violence. Moreover, according to open intelligence sources and a recent fact-finding trip to the region in January 2011, there exists growing evidence that AQIM, local traffickers, and possibly members of the Polisario are forming links with Latin American organized criminal groups for trafficking drugs and humans via transit networks into Europe.

What is particularly of grave concern is that AQIM, jointly with the other al-Qaeda affiliates (e.g. al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula – AQAP – operating in Yemen, as well as al-Shabaab members in Somalia) currently and for the foreseeable future, represent a most dangerous threat both regionally and inter-regionally. Clearly in the failed and fragile states bordering the Sahara, al-Qaeda has established a safe haven and breeding ground for its activities.

Two major concerns feed into this arc of instability that stretches from the Red Sea and is poised to reach to the Atlantic. First, is the lingering 35-year old Western Sahara conflict, which is creating an opening for AQIM's expansion and also recruitment of hard-core Polisario members among the Sahrawi refugee camps in Algeria, further complicating the viability of a diplomatic resolution for the Western Sahara issue.

And second, the sudden and explosive recent popular street protests in Tunisia that ousted the authoritarian President, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali, who had ruled the country for 23 years, open up the possibility that al-Qaeda will attempt to take advantage of the unfolding drama in its effort to destabilize the region.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The key insights and recommendations underlined in that study appear even more relevant, and urgent, a year later. They include the following steps that should be given close consideration by US policy makers and the international community in general:

1. Develop a comprehensive program in the affected countries to increase public awareness concerning the nature of jihadist terrorism as a form of low-intensity warfare being waged against the Maghreb and Sahel; how it affects the local populations; how it diverts resources away from economic development; and how it constrains political open space.
2. Strengthen the US intelligence mechanisms in order to provide more effective collection and analysis of data related to terrorist activities by al-Qaeda and other extremists in the region and beyond. And ensure that the information is used effectively by cooperating bodies in the region through providing equipment, training, and monitoring assistance.
3. Deny supporters of Islamic extremism in the Maghreb, Sahel, and elsewhere the capacity and freedom to engage in propaganda through effective information countermeasures, investments in local development, and open channels of communication with local leaders.
4. Expand US counterterrorism technical assistance to the area, particularly training for internal security bodies, police agencies, and the military, particularly under the umbrella of multilateral working groups to provide for adequate monitoring and transparency.
5. Encourage the governments in the region to continue with a “carrot-and-stick” approach, and with their efforts improve the economic and social conditions in these countries.
6. Improve the level of security coordination between the countries in the region so they can more effectively share intelligence and interdict terrorist networks and supply lines on the ground. Also improve the levels of economic cooperation between the nations in the region to spur increased trade and commerce that contributes to economic growth and reduces poverty as an underlying factor in fueling social unrest and extremism. Both security and economic cooperation in the Maghreb and Sahel would no doubt be enhanced by a resolution to the decades-old Western Sahara dispute, which continues to drive a wedge between two of the region’s most influential nations – Morocco and Algeria.
7. Face the intellectual challenge of radical Islam directly with “home-grown” religious and intellectual leaders who are able to challenge the misuse of Islam and channel religious tendencies into more productive social development opportunities.
8. Raise the diplomatic, economic, political, and military costs to Iran high enough to outweigh the benefits of supporting terrorism and exporting jihadist terrorism elsewhere.

In sum, a coherent and firm US policy vis-à-vis the threats of terrorism in Maghreb and Sahel would increase domestic public understanding and support in the US for sustained engagement with the nations of North and West/Central Africa. The updated documents incorporated in this report, particularly the statistical tables and terrorism chronology covering the period September 11, 2001 – December 31, 2010 make it clear that constructive and sustained engagement is vital, employing both “hard” (security, military, intelligence cooperation) and “soft” elements (economic and social development creating employment opportunities, education that equips students/trainees for jobs, and reduction of religious radicalism). Otherwise, the US, the EU, and our friends in the region will remain hostages to, and targets of, these ideological, theological, and political terrorists for the remainder of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## INCIDENTS OF TERRORISM IN MAGHREB & SAHEL:

**Chronology from Sept. 11, 2001 to Dec. 31, 2010 — (Updated with 2010 incidents below)**

For full listing from 9/11/01 to 12/31/09, go to: [http://www.potomacinstitute.org/attachments/524\\_Maghreb%20Terrorism%20report.pdf](http://www.potomacinstitute.org/attachments/524_Maghreb%20Terrorism%20report.pdf)

### 2010

#### December 27, 2010

Shepherd wounded by bomb on path in Adekar near Takamra, Tizi Ouzou.  
<http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/December2010incidentsReport.pdf>

#### December 25, 2010

Soldier killed, 3 police & 1 soldier injured by terrorists in Dellys, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/boumerdes/un-militaire-tue-et-trois-policiers-blesses-dans-un-accrocage-a-dellys-25-12-2010-104412\\_146.php](http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/boumerdes/un-militaire-tue-et-trois-policiers-blesses-dans-un-accrocage-a-dellys-25-12-2010-104412_146.php)

#### December 25, 2010

Terrorist bomb damages building under construction at communal guard headquarters, Aghribi, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries.  
[http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en\\_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/12/27/newsbrief-01](http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/12/27/newsbrief-01)

#### December 24, 2010

Shepherd assassinated by armed group in Taffessour, Sidi Bel Abbès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-berger-assassine-a-taffessour-26-12-2010-104518\\_109.php](http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-berger-assassine-a-taffessour-26-12-2010-104518_109.php)

#### December 23, 2010

Bomb, gunfire targets military convoy near Tala Bounana, Béni Douala, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries from terrorist attack.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/tiziouzou/tizi-ouzou-un-convoyer-militaire-attaque-pres-de-beni-douala-24-12-2010-104308\\_144.php](http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/tiziouzou/tizi-ouzou-un-convoyer-militaire-attaque-pres-de-beni-douala-24-12-2010-104308_144.php)

#### December 23, 2010

An IED exploded in Takamra, Adekar, wounding 1 civilian.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/bajaia/adekar-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-takamra-27-12-2010-104596\\_143.php](http://www.elwatan.com/regions/kabylie/bajaia/adekar-explosion-d-une-bombe-a-takamra-27-12-2010-104596_143.php)

#### December 11, 2010

Bomb targeting soldiers exploded at army base Cap Djinet, Boumerdès. No injuries.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/huit-personnes-arretees-a-cap-djinet-pour-appartenance-a-un-groupe-arme\\_13293.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/huit-personnes-arretees-a-cap-djinet-pour-appartenance-a-un-groupe-arme_13293.html)

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#### December 11, 2010

4 gendarmes wounded in terrorist attack in Al Ardja, Cap Djinet, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/quatre-gendarmes-blesses-dans-une-attaque-pres-de-cap-djinet\\_13292.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/quatre-gendarmes-blesses-dans-une-attaque-pres-de-cap-djinet_13292.html)

#### December 10, 2010

Armed terrorists attempted to kidnap a businessman from Freha, Tizi Ouzou. The assailants hijacked his vehicle, but fortunately he was able to escape.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/tizi-ouzou-un-bar-attaque-et-une-tentative-de-kidnapping-avortee\\_13285.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/tizi-ouzou-un-bar-attaque-et-une-tentative-de-kidnapping-avortee_13285.html)

#### December 9, 2010

A businessman was kidnapped by five armed men in Yakourene, Tizi Ouzou.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-commercant-enleve-a-tizi-ouzou\\_13270.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-commercant-enleve-a-tizi-ouzou_13270.html)

#### November 29, 2010

Chief of national gendarmerie in Legata seriously wounded in a terrorist bomb attack in Ouled Ziane, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/boumerdes-un-chef-de-brigade-de-la-gendarmerie-grievement-blesse-et-deux-terroristes-elimines-30-11-2010-101076\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/boumerdes-un-chef-de-brigade-de-la-gendarmerie-grievement-blesse-et-deux-terroristes-elimines-30-11-2010-101076_108.php)

#### November 29, 2010

4 soldiers killed in clash with terrorists in Tenès, Chlef. 2 communal guards and another soldier were also wounded.  
[http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en\\_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/30/newsbrief-01](http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/30/newsbrief-01)

#### November 28, 2010

Bomb targets official convoy in Issers, Boumerdès. No one in delegation injured, but explosion injures 3 civilians nearby.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/attentat-manque-contre-une-delegation-officielle-a-thenia-boumerdes-28-11-2010-100793\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/attentat-manque-contre-une-delegation-officielle-a-thenia-boumerdes-28-11-2010-100793_108.php)

#### November 27, 2010

2 communal guards were wounded in second bomb explosion in Beni Ouguique, Haraza, Bordj Bou Arréidj.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arreridj\\_13125.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arreridj_13125.html)

#### November 27, 2010

2 communal guards killed by bomb in Beni Ouguique, Haraza, Bordj Bou Arréidj.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arreridj\\_13125.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/un-garde-communal-et-un-patriote-tues-a-bordj-bou-arreridj_13125.html)

#### November 26, 2010

1 civilian killed, 3 injured by roadside bomb in Zerrif El Ouaer, Tébessa.  
[http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en\\_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/28/newsbrief-01](http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/28/newsbrief-01)

#### November 26, 2010

6 soldiers, 2 gendarmes were wounded by terrorists in Ammal, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630_108.php)

#### November 26, 2010

Bomb injures 2 gendarmes, 6 soldiers in Cap Djinet, Boumerdès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/deux-gendarmes-et-six-militaires-blesses-a-boumerdes-27-11-2010-100630_108.php)

#### November 20, 2010

Communal guard member assassinated by armed group. Souk el Tenine, Ain Defla.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/deux-terroristes-abattus-a-boudouau-et-un-garde-communal-assassine-a-ain-defla\\_13078.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/deux-terroristes-abattus-a-boudouau-et-un-garde-communal-assassine-a-ain-defla_13078.html)

#### November 16, 2010

A soldier was wounded in a bomb explosion in Bir H'mam, Sidi Bel Abbès.  
[http://www.elwatan.com/une/incursion-terroriste-le-jour-de-l-aid-a-bir-h-mam-sidi-bel-abbes-17-11-2010-99299\\_108.php](http://www.elwatan.com/une/incursion-terroriste-le-jour-de-l-aid-a-bir-h-mam-sidi-bel-abbes-17-11-2010-99299_108.php)

#### November 16, 2010

3 gendarmes were wounded in a bomb explosion Lakhdaria, Bouira.  
[http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/trois-gendarmes-blesses-dans-un-attentat-a-la-bombe-a-lakhdaria\\_13056.html](http://www.tsa-algerie.com/divers/trois-gendarmes-blesses-dans-un-attentat-a-la-bombe-a-lakhdaria_13056.html)

#### November 14, 2010

Roadside bomb kills 1, injures 3 in Oued El Ouarek, between Djelfa and M'Sila.  
[http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en\\_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/15/newsbrief-01](http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/11/15/newsbrief-01)

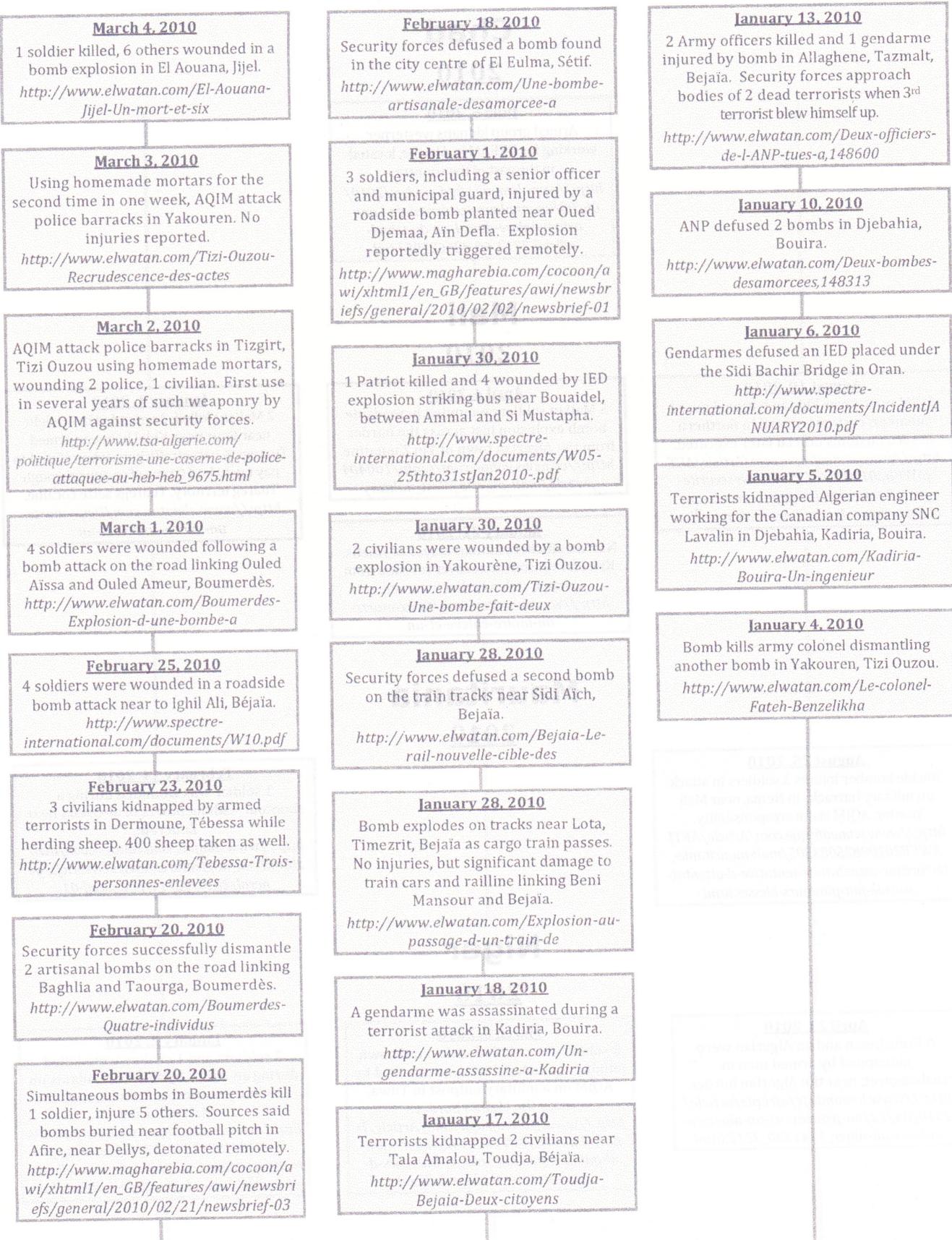
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<b>September 21, 2010</b> Bomb in Bordj Ménaïl, Boumerdès kills 2 policemen and wounds 10 civilians. <a href="http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/09/21/newsbrief-01">http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/newsbriefs/general/2010/09/21/newsbrief-01</a>	<b>September 6, 2010</b> Security forces defuse bomb targeting ANP convoy in Bordj Menaïl, Boumerdès. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php</a>	<b>August 29, 2010</b> IED wounds 2 guards in Kadiria, Bouira. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf</a>
<b>September 19, 2010</b> 2 Patriots and military officer wounded in bomb explosion in El Aouana, Jijel. <a href="http://www.lexpressiondz.com/article/2/2010-09-20/80803.html">http://www.lexpressiondz.com/article/2/2010-09-20/80803.html</a>	<b>September 6, 2010</b> 3 communal guards killed, 2 injured in terrorist attack in Bin El Ouidène, Skikda. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/trois-gardes-communaux-assassines-dans-un-attentat-07-09-2010-89190_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/trois-gardes-communaux-assassines-dans-un-attentat-07-09-2010-89190_109.php</a>	<b>August 28, 2010</b> Terrorist attack military vehicle in Aghribs, Tizi Ouzou, kill 1 soldier, wound 2. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-35-22ndto29thAugust2010.pdf</a>
<b>September 14, 2010</b> Security forces defuse bomb at gendarmerie outpost in El Hamma, Khenchaba. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/regions/centre/actu-est/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-15-09-2010-90181_221.php">http://www.elwatan.com/regions/centre/actu-est/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-15-09-2010-90181_221.php</a>	<b>September 5, 2010</b> 2 soldiers killed, 3 others seriously wounded by bomb in Frahma, Tébessa. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-tues-dans-l-explosion-d'une-bombe-07-09-2010-89193_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-tues-dans-l-explosion-d'une-bombe-07-09-2010-89193_109.php</a>	<b>August 26, 2010</b> A bomb exploded in Tigzirt, Tizi Ouzou. No one was wounded. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/en-bref-29-08-2010-88025_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/en-bref-29-08-2010-88025_109.php</a>
<b>September 13, 2010</b> 1 killed, 2 others severely injured in a terrorist attack in Maghnia, Tlemcen. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/regions/ouest/tlemcen/une-personne-egorgee-et-deux-autres-grievement-blessees-a-maghnia-tlemcen-14-09-2010-90096_139.php">http://www.elwatan.com/regions/ouest/tlemcen/une-personne-egorgee-et-deux-autres-grievement-blessees-a-maghnia-tlemcen-14-09-2010-90096_139.php</a>	<b>September 4, 2010</b> 7 armed Islamists set up false roadblock near Ouadias to Taguemout Ladjidid, Tizi Ouzou. Rob passing cars, no injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/faux-barrage-aux-ouadhias-05-09-2010-88941_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/faux-barrage-aux-ouadhias-05-09-2010-88941_109.php</a>	<b>August 24, 2010</b> IED explodes in Ghrab, Tébessa. No injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-artisanale-26-08-2010-87643_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-artisanale-26-08-2010-87643_109.php</a>
<b>September 13, 2010</b> Communal guard member killed, 3 injured by terrorists in Dhéhira, Thlejen, Tébessa. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-garde-communal-tue-dans-une-embuscade-terroriste-a-tebessa-13-09-2010-89998_108.php">http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-garde-communal-tue-dans-une-embuscade-terroriste-a-tebessa-13-09-2010-89998_108.php</a>	<b>September 2, 2010</b> Civilian injured at a false roadblock set up by terrorists in Boghni, Tizi Ouzou. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-citoyen-blesse-dans-un-faux-barrage-a-boghni-03-09-2010-88770_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/un-citoyen-blesse-dans-un-faux-barrage-a-boghni-03-09-2010-88770_109.php</a>	<b>August 24, 2010</b> Retired Algerian customs officer believed kidnapped in June attack on 11 gendarmes Mali-Algeria border executed by AQIM. <a href="http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/ARTJAWEB20100825155537/algerie-terrorisme-al-qaida-aqmiagmi-execute-un-douanier-retenu-en-otage-depuis-deux-mois.html">http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/ARTJAWEB20100825155537/algerie-terrorisme-al-qaida-aqmiagmi-execute-un-douanier-retenu-en-otage-depuis-deux-mois.html</a>
<b>September 11, 2010</b> Bomb injures 2 soldiers in Akfadou, Béjaïa. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-blesses-12-09-2010-89702_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-militaires-blesses-12-09-2010-89702_109.php</a>	<b>September 1, 2010</b> Terrorists attack judicial police headquarters in Tigzirt, Tizi Ouzou. No injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/la-bmpj-de-tigzirt-attaquee-a-la-roquette-artisanale-02-09-2010-88594_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/la-bmpj-de-tigzirt-attaquee-a-la-roquette-artisanale-02-09-2010-88594_109.php</a>	<b>August 24, 2010</b> Kidnapped father/son found with throats slit in Ouzina, Ain Rich, M'sila. 3 <sup>rd</sup> murder in region in week. AQIM's believed culprit. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-citoyens-egorges-a-m-sila-24-08-2010-87349_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/deux-citoyens-egorges-a-m-sila-24-08-2010-87349_109.php</a>
<b>September 8, 2010</b> Terrorists attack communal guard unit in Ihassamen, Naciria, Boumerdès, no injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php</a>	<b>September 1, 2010</b> Suicide car bomb attacks military convoy in Zaatra, Boumerdès, kills 2, wounds 9. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/attentat-kamikaze-a-zemmouri-boumerdes-2-morts-et-9-neufs-blesses-01-09-2010-88478_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/attentat-kamikaze-a-zemmouri-boumerdes-2-morts-et-9-neufs-blesses-01-09-2010-88478_109.php</a>	<b>August 23, 2010</b> Bomb injures 3 people in El Aouana, Jijel. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-convoi-de-transport-de-fonds-cible-par-des-terroristes-a-el-aouana-jijel-23-08-2010-87270_108.php">http://www.elwatan.com/une/un-convoi-de-transport-de-fonds-cible-par-des-terroristes-a-el-aouana-jijel-23-08-2010-87270_108.php</a>
<b>September 7, 2010</b> 3 gendarmes were injured in a terrorist attack in Souk El Had, Boumerdès. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/boumerdes-09-09-2010-89503_109.php</a>	<b>August 31, 2010</b> Terrorist attack kills 1 civilian, injures 1 police, 7 civilians in El Abadia, Ain Defla. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/incurSION-terroriste-a-ain-defla-un-mort-ehuit-blesses-01-09-2010-88461_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/incurSION-terroriste-a-ain-defla-un-mort-ehuit-blesses-01-09-2010-88461_109.php</a>	<b>August 22, 2010</b> Bomb targets police convoy escorting foreign workers, Texanna, Jijel. No injuries. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-a-texenna-jijel-23-08-2010-87231_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/explosion-d-une-bombe-a-texenna-jijel-23-08-2010-87231_109.php</a>
<b>September 6, 2010</b> Security forces diffused bomb during an ANP operation in Ammal, Boumerdès. <a href="http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php">http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/une-bombe-artisanale-desamorcee-et-douze-suspects-arretes-08-09-2010-89337_109.php</a>	<b>August 29, 2010</b> Bomb in Tagma, Yakouren, Tizi Ouzou, wounds military officer, destroys vehicle, damages cars nearby. No one takes credit. <a href="https://wits.nctc.gov">https://wits.nctc.gov</a>	<b>August 21, 2010</b> 2 police officers killed, 1 wounded at Rass El Oued, Bordj Bou Arreridj in shootout with terrorist, who was killed in incident. <a href="http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-3416thto22ndAugust2010.pdf">http://www.spectre-international.com/documents/W-3416thto22ndAugust2010.pdf</a>

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